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R. L. PUGH, 33°

The New Horizons Reunion is now almost upon us! The dates are April 12, 13 & 14, and we are making every effort to achieve the much-wanted distinction of a class of candidates numbering 200.

Several ladies' night parties have been planned and speakers have been secured and we have every reason to believe that these events will succeed in producing the enthusiasm that we need. This enthusiasm, among other things, means primarily that a goodly number of prospective candidates and their wives will be present for the parties and that they will be induced to sign the petitions. These parties are becoming increasingly expensive and unless we can produce a number of candidates from the areas where the parties are being held, the activity then becomes a liability. The leaders in the areas where these parties are being held are urged to make every effort to see that all prospects and their wives are extended an invitation to the party.

The program for the Reunion is included in this issue, and, as you study it, you will observe a number of changes. Some of these changes have been brought about by a change in parts assigned to various degree team members, others by changes in the composition of the degree team and still others, unfortunately, by death.

Our Director of Music, Brother Gus Laube, has also been working diligently in his efforts to provide an improved music program and many favorable comments have already been heard about the superior quality of the music last Reunion. He is constantly striving to enlarge the program with a choir of 24 members consisting only of 32° Masons. If you can sing and would like to participate, please communicate with Brother Gus Laube whose address is 1406 Kimberly Road, New Bern, N. C.

In our April issue of the BAGPIPE we will have a program on the Maundy Thursday and Easter morning services. In the meantime, reserve these two dates for our Easter celebration: Maundy Thursday, April 7 and Easter morning, April 10.

Our Director of the Work, Brother Nelson B. Banks, 33°, suffered a heart attack, as you know, during the month of December, from which he has been recovering beautifully. At the time of this writing he has begun to get out of his house. Even during his confinement, however, he has kept the degree personnel in line and has steadily recommended replacements where they became necessary. He expects to be fully recovered by the time of the Reunion, and we confidently predict that he will be back in his usual good form at that time.

Congratulations! to Brother Neil Vester, 33°, on having another one of his stories selected by the Editor of our Supreme Council magazine, "The New Age". This has happened a number of times and thus is indicative of the high quality of Neil's carefully selected anecdotes.

Finally, if ever we had motivation for a class of 200, we have it this year and our Brethren throughout our Valley are working hard. You can help us achieve this goal and remember, without you it will be just another fruitless effort. Let's make it!!

Sincerely,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary

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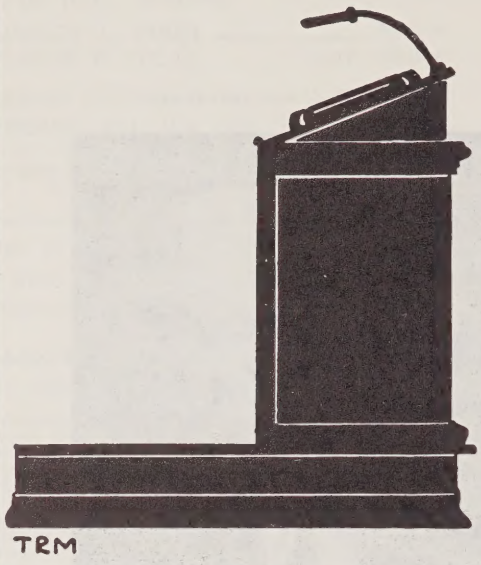

From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

"We Prepare for Our Movement From Within"

Several years ago, I was attending a conference of Grand Masters with our Secretary and Past Grand Master Robert Pugh. I shall never forget a statement made to the group, the speaker said, "From 1916 to 1925 we engaged in an orgy of building. We sought to cement Masonic ideals in the hearts and minds of our brethren by building great edifices of steel and brick, which through the years become monuments to our failures." The speaker continued, "we failed to consider the ethical and true fraternal spirit of Masonry. The net result of this activity was found in moral and financial bankruptcy of hundreds of lodges and Masonic bodies, who lost their buildings through failure to pay for them."

This is strong language and I do not make this quote either to deny or defend it, but simply to say; "we prepare for our movement from within." Not long ago I heard a prominent layman say, "the great need now is not to get more and more people into our church, but to get more of the church into our people." It must be of the Spirit, for it is within the framework of the Spirit that Freemasonry finds its' greatest rewards. I grant you there are certain outward signs and ceremonies through which we would know that an individual was indeed a Mason, but those outward signs do not tell us how much Masonry there is within. This comes from within not from without. Who was the poet who penned the lines? "I would rather see a sermon than to hear one any day, I would rather one would walk with me than to merely show the way." We love to see good in action and if a person has enough Masonry within, then his cup will run over and you can see it showing from the outside.

I have said many times that it is impossible to cram or to put all of Freemasonry in three Masonic Degrees. There must be more and there is more. In Scottish Masonry we see and hear the meaning for preparing from within. Emphasis must be upon the internal and not the external. Indeed, each and every Degree, from the 4° through the 32° works on that principle. Lesson after lesson comes your way, portrayed vividly and dramatically by brethren who do it because they love it, and no other reason.

When man called man Brother, liberty came into the world and fraternity was born. It is kept alive, not by signs or ceremonies, but by deeds which we see in people round about us. We are too prone to allow our American idea of "business first' to interfere with the performance of our duty towards our fellow-members.

If we are unmindful of the cry of charity, if we extend not the hand of brotherly love, if we pause not to listen to the voice of those in distress, then, indeed do we fail to exemplify in our lives the very first principles of Fraternalism. No man nor woman can wrap the cloak of fraternalism about himself and then live for himself alone.

In our movement of Scottish Masonry, the God of Humanity, inspired within us, something grander and nobler than self and it will surely find its way to the surface. "For we prepare for this movement from within, not from without."

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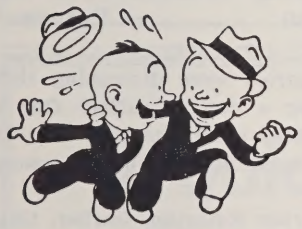
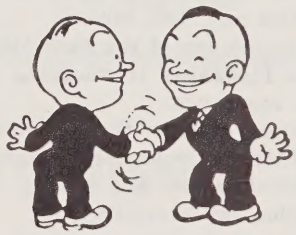


Someone is waiting for you to invite him to become a Scottish Rite Mason . . . Don't disappoint him.



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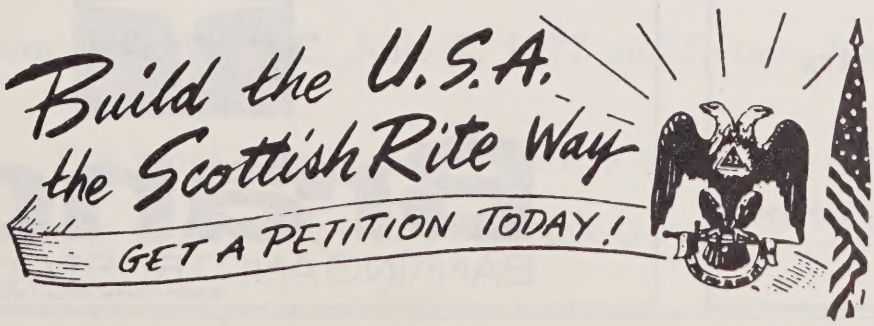

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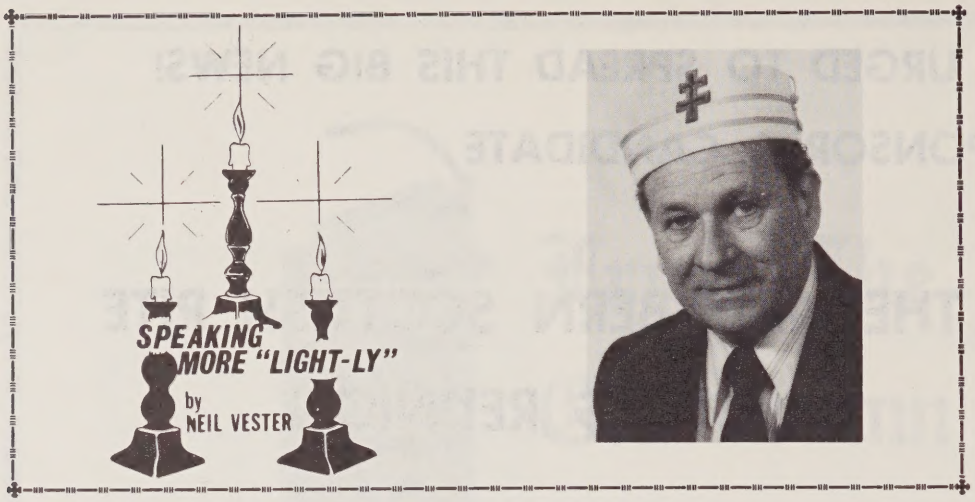

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The cock is crowing,
The stream is flowing,
The lake doth glitter,
The green field sleeps in the sun;
The oldest and youngest
Are at work with the strongest;
The cattle are grazing,
Their heads never raising;
There are forty feeding like one!
Like an army defeated
The Snow hath retreated,
And now doth fare ill
On the top of the bare hill;
The Ploughboy is whooping — anon-anon:
There's joy in the mountains;
There's life in the fountains;
Small clouds are sailing;
Blue sky prevailing;
The rain is over and gone!

William Wordsworth

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Speaking in Quotes: Dieting is for people who are thick and tired of it.

* * *

Pity your employer. He's the poor guy that has to get up early to see who comes in late.

* * *

Who can be more frustrated than the man who bought a new boomerang and had an awful time throwing the old one away.

* * *

I've found the best way to enjoy a beautiful, productive garden is to live next door to one and cultivate your neighbor.

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By the time a person can afford to lose a golf ball, he can't hit that far.

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Speaking With the Ladies: Said a frustrated mother as she heard her children crying, and looked over her dirty house, "I sometimes wish I'd loved and lost."

— Quote

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After many years of debate, it is now pretty clear that insanity is hereditary. Parents get it from children.

— Changing Times

* * *

"What parable," a teacher asked a pupil, "do you like best?"

"The one," replied the pupil, "about the multitude that loafs and fishes."

* * *

Rosalie was in her first semester at college when her mother received from her a special delivery airmail letter reading:

"Dear Mother: Please let me have $35 for a new dress right away. I've had six dates with Johnny and have worn each of the dresses I brought with me. Have a date next Monday night and must have another dress right away."

Her mother replied via Western Union: "Get another boy friend and start over."

—NRTA Journal

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Coed on shopping tour: "Where can I get some silk covering for my settee?"

Floor Walker: "Lingerie - next aisle and to the left." — Unknown

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Two secretaries were discussing their problems over a cup of coffee. One of them said, "All I asked the boss was, 'Do you want the carbon copy double spaced too?' "

—The Garber Rotarian, Garber, Okla.

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acquaintance purchased a rather large grandfather clock at an auction then sent her husband to pick it up and carry it home. The husband had attended an early formal meeting and was still wearing his tux. He was having some difficulty with the large clock even before he met a staggering drunk coming in the opposite direction. They collided and the husband fell backwards to the sidewalk with the clock on top of him.

"Why in blazes don't you watch where you're going!' the angry husband demanded.

The drunk shook his head, looked at the man in the full dress suit and the grandfather clock that lay across him.

"Why don't you wear a wrish watch like everybody elsh?" he inquired.

* * *

Desperate for work, the young student took a job at the zoo masquerading as a gorilla, replacing a large speciman that had died. The young man launched into his act with great gusto, hollering at the top of his lungs and swinging madly about the cage. The crowd was pleased with the performance and applauded heartily. Inspired, the youth grabbed a bar and went sailing over the top of his cage into an adjoining pen occupied with three ferocious lions. As the savage appearing beasts approached him, he screamed, "Help, they're going to kill me."

"Shut up, stupid," whispered one of the lions, "or we'll all lose our jobs."

* * *

A friend of mine from England was telling me about a recent trip he made to Africa and was the guest at a monastery where he was served with fish and chips so delicious that he asked for the favor of meeting the cook, and thank him personally for such a delicious meal. There were several men working in the kitchen and the friend asked which of them had prepared the fish and chips.

"Well, I'm the fish friar," one of them replied, "and that's the chip monk over there."

* * *

"My wife has the worst habit of staying up until one or two o'clock in the morning, and I can't break her of it."

"What's she doing all that time?"

"Waiting for me to come home."

* * *

A few more years and a dollar-pincher will mean the same thing that a penny-pincher meant a generation ago.

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Some men wonder how they could live without women. The answer is, cheaper.

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Speaking From His Book: Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth.

—Proverbs 24:17

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SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport, 33°

This winter has really been something else. All the keepers of statistics claim January was the coldest on record, and few will argue with that. I've always favored warm weather myself, and this persistent, cutting, penetrating cold is not something I would ever put in an order for.

I note the prognosticators are experiencing their customary and predictable divergence of opinions. Some say the world is heating up and others claim it's cooling off. Where they happen to be sitting when they get ready to prognosticate, I reckon, has some influence on just what kind of revelation they deliver. I know that here in Raleigh during January I wouldn't have had any trouble at all deciding the world was cooling off, but I suppose a person in Equatorial Africa could easily disagree.

Weather folks in general, though, are becoming refreshingly candid. It isn't at all unusual nowadays to hear a weather forecaster frankly admit that he or she doesn't know what's coming next. The other night I heard one say if a certain front came in it would snow, if the front missed us it wouldn't snow,

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

and the temperature could range anywhere from twenty to fifty - depending upon a variety of factors.

Now that is what I call a nice accurate weather forecast. It's the kind that sort of reassures the listener, reinforces his long-held suspicion that nobody really knows what the weather will be.

I've always felt the commercial fisherman I knew as a youngster came about as close to accurate weather forecasting as was humanly possible. They rarely missed.

Right now the most accurate forecaster I know is the man that brings our morning paper. If he expects precipitation he puts the paper in the mailbox, otherwise he tosses it in the driveway. In five years he has never been wrong.

I've been out early in the morning, before sunup, when stars were shining bright, no clouds in sight, and the paper would be in the box. Sure enough, inside a few hours it would be raining, or snowing, or sleeting - something wet would be falling.

On the other hand, I've been out mornings when clouds seemed to be hanging down almost to rooftop level, when the

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6:30 P.M. Dinner at Temple

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11:45 A.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple

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humidity was something you could almost hold in your hand, and the paper would be in the driveway. It looked crazy but you could depend on it, there would not be rain or anything else wet falling that morning.

He is uncanny.

There is another pretty accurate barometer you can read anytime you are out riding through farming country; if you see an old mule backed up to a building, instead of grazing, you can bet a pretty penny some bad weather is coming - right soon.

Lots of folks with arthritis or rheumatism, or old bone breaks, can give you a right close forecast of bad weather on the way.

I suppose the weather forecasters in North Dakota have about the easiest time of any - all they need say is the weather tomorrow will be bad. We've visited our daughter and her family there on several occasions and the weather has been regularly bad. Uniformly, depressingly, invariably BAD! I'm sure they have some good weather in North Dakota, now and then, but it seems they have always just used up their ration each time we arrive.

You might say weather and women are close akin; men talk about both all the time but never figure out either. Maybe that's how they got started naming hurricanes for women.

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REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 12, 1977

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Opphile, H. L. Lundy, Marshall Harvey and Lee K. Allen.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Jack Edwards, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. W. Guptill, Dewey Gillikin, Leroy Price, H. L. Lundy, W. C. Kellum, Bill Stovall, T. H. Miller and Irvin Garrish.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. Leslie H. Garner, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by W. J. Rogers, Chas. P. Gaskins and Paul Jewett.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. Frank Noble, L. L. Parker, M. D. Opphile, R. L. Pugh and Bill Stovall.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Dallas Willis, Sam Taylor and Tom Carraway.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. Robert Ray Harrison, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Opphile, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, Marshall Harvey, Coy Wetherington, Elijah Cannon, Gus Laube and W. C. Kellum.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptill, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Eddie Paul, Jr., J. L. Ashley, Jerry T. Whitford, H. C. Lilly, Dusty Rhoades, Royce Jordan, Garland E. Taylor and John H. Lilly.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Neil Vester, Eddie Paul, Jr., William C. Kellum and Elmer Burroughs.

12°—Communicated.

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5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wilmer Chesson, Jack G. White, Pete Thomas and E. P. Blair.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Awards' Night.

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Marshall Harvey, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptill, James E. Blaylock, Tommy Phelps, Bob Divoky, Howard B. Constant, Jack Edwards, William N. Vestal, Jr., Jerry Stapleford, Oscar Kafer, III and Billy Haire.

Wednesday, April 13, 1977

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Wilmer Chesson, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, Al Hearren, Dusty Rhoades, Richard P. Geary, Lee Gearhart, Tom McCree, Billy Haire, Jesse Vail and Gus Laube.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Pete Thomas, Edward Ray Edwards, Roy Edwards, Lloyd Nixon, Karl Van Horn and Jim Coile.

12:00 M. —Luncheon

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. A. T. Willis, Jr., 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr. and Wm. R. Waters.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. Rev. Allen C. Edens, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Alex Arab, William P. Jackson, Warren H. Coolidge, Clifford C. Duell, Joe Dryden, R. Hoyt Randall and Delmon Turner.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, R. L. Pugh, W. H. Scott, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Johnny West, Marshall Harvey and Oscar Aldridge.

22°—
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25°—

5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, Angus D. Hatsell, Royden Caulk, Frank A. Smith, Thomas W. McCree, F. N. Yopp and Jesse Sellers.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Greetings from our Grand Master.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, A. T. Willis, Jr., Wm. R. Waters, W. H. Scott, Bill Blair, William N. Vestal, Jr., Elwood Cayton, Roger Dalton, Tommy Phelps and Harold Mills.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Walter T. Kirby, Wilbourne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams, Theron Dabbs, Wilton Walker, Jr., Herbert Lang, Stuart Horner and Lester Spruill.

Thursday, April 14, 1977

9:00 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.

1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 33°, Master. Assisted by Clifton White and Francis W. Clark.

2nd Apartment: James H. Bailey, 32°, Master. Assisted by E. Herndon Alexander.

3rd Apartment: Dennis Boyette, 32°, Master. Assisted by E. S. Sasser, T. Bruce Boyette, Cecil Boyette, Clifton Matthews, Mark L. Ellis and Walter Lamm.

4th Apartment: Carl Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Claude A. Anthony, E. S. Sasser and Herman L. Barnes.

11:45 A.M. —Luncheon.

1:00 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, A. N. Heath, Reynold S. Davenport, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, Warren H. Coolidge, Pete Thomas, Johnny West, Oscar Aldridge, Charles Dickinson, Neil Vester and Gus Laube.

3:00 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Robert Dawson, Carroll Mercer, Marvin Kornegay, Ronald C. Wall, C. W. Guptill and Gus Laube.

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"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

WHAT DO WE NEED?

America has become more aware, possibly than ever before, that there can be a lack of things we think we need! What do you and I need - every one of us, whoever we are, wherever we happen to be, and whatever we may desire?

It is easy enough to begin a list, starting with that which we call "the necessities of life" - food, sleep, shelter, a job of work to do. Plainly these are not acquired tastes; they are bare necessities. Made as we are, we could not survive for long without them.

It would save a lot of time and trouble if we didn't need food and sleep, but we are just not made that way. And we have deep needs of a different sort, though the urge to satisfy them does not recur as often or quite as regularly as the need for something to eat or to go to sleep. I am thinking, for example, of our need for friendship, for the company of our fellows. This is not an acquired taste, nor something we can readily do without. The lonely life is unnatural. Indeed, solitary confinement is a form of punishment, and a hard one, almost unendurable.

Looking back over our life at this moment, most of us have deep reason to be grateful to God for our friends, for those with whom we have travelled the miles and met the shocks along the way. Probably we are most grateful for one particular person, a wife, a parent, a special friend, who shared life with us, been glad when we were glad, sympathetic and encouraging during our difficulties, whispered good counsel in our ears. Loking forward to tomorrow, to changes which are sure to come but which are quite unpredictable, we take heart be-

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

cause we know we shall not face the future alone.

Here is quite a different need in our life. Some of us will be surprised when it is mentioned. It is our need for forgiveness - for forgiving others and having their forgiveness. Friends stay good friends not because they never hurt or offend others, but because the hurts and offenses are forgiven and forgotten. We can and do live together by the grace of forgiveness.

To eat, to sleep, to work, to be a friend - every one of us needs at least these things. We are made that way, or as the Holy Writings put it - God made us that way, that we should be unsatisfied without them.

But we have lived long enough to know that we cannot have these things in the way we need them, and when we need them mostly, on the purely human level. This is what I mean. We agreed a moment ago about our need for friendship, but aren't there some experiences of life which not even our best friend can share with us? Humanly speaking, you and I have to face these hours alone, but can we meet them alone? What is to happen "when my father and my mother forsake me", "when other helpers fail and comforts flee?" Well what has happened for multitudes of men who have believed in the Supreme Architect (in, not about) has been that at such times they have been upheld by a sense of the nearness of Him who reigns supreme. What has been said relative to His presence before our need for friendship in life's dark hours maintains in our need for forgiveness.

Yes, in this particular time in the history of our nation, we need to be called to the basic need. We need not continue to print on our currency "In God We Trust" rather in our hearts, souls, and very being we need to *really trust God!*

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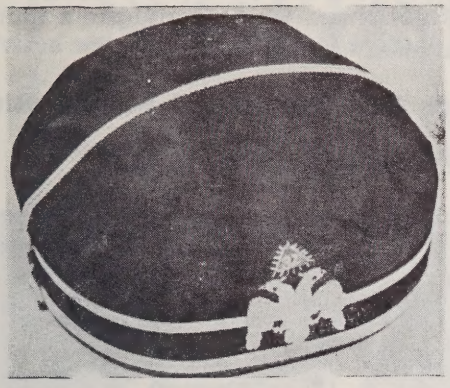

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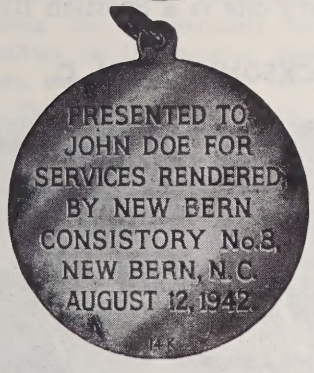

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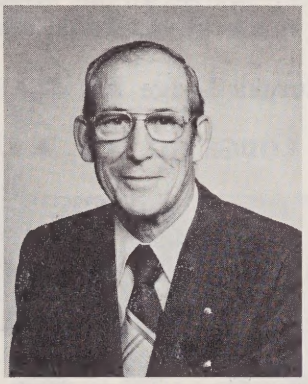

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The New Bern Valley of Scottish Rite of Freemasonry has every reason to be proud of the interest in which its members continue to manifest in the work of the Blue Lodge. This of course, is exactly as it should be because the Blue Lodge is the foundation on which our Scottish Rite superstructure is erected. On this page we are presenting pictures of the officers of two Lodges in our area and in both of them, you'll find quite a number of our 32° Masons - and several of a much higher rank, who are very active in their Blue Lodge activities.

In the picture showing the officers of Eureka Lodge No. 317 in Elizabeth City they are all Scottish Rite Masons but one.

1977 OFFICERS OF EUREKA LODGE NO. 317, A.F. & A.M., ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

Eureka Lodge No. 317, A.F. & A.M. began its 104th year with installation of the above officers. Front row, from left, F. W. Clark, PM and Treasurer; W. R. Austin, Tyler; H. P. Lange, Senior Deacon; W. F. Gordon, Jr., Chaplain; E. W. Paul, III, Steward (Brother Paul's father is our E. W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., who is an officer in his Lodge, Grantham Lodge No. 725, also Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection and Master of the 27°; his grandfather, the late E. W. Paul, was a Thirty-Third degree Mason and served as Master of several degrees); W. M. Smith, PM and Secretary. Back row: W. G. Williams, Marshal; J. W. Icenhour, Senior Warden; B. G. Durham, Master; C. E. Mahaffey, Junior Warden; E. S. Horner, Junior Deacon and L. B. Howard, Steward. Officers were installed by the outgoing Master, J. Ralph Hurdle, Sr.

The other picture shows the officers of Semper Fidelis Lodge No. 680 and *every one is* a Scottish Rite Mason! That's the way we like to see it!

1977 OFFICERS OF SEMPER FIDELIS LODGE NO. 680, A.F. & A.M., JACKSONVILLE, N. C.

Front row, left to right: Frank Hartman, Jr., Senior Deacon; Hoskin S. Bass, Senior Warden; Jim M. Roberts, Master; Ellis F. Leamer, Junior Warden; Tony R. Dedmond, PM, Secretary. Back row, left to right: James E. Warren, Tyler; Jesse C. Vail, PM, Treasurer; George M. Eckman, Steward; Clarence A. McCullough, Junior Deacon; George E. Roberts, Sr., PM, Chaplain; Eugene A. Solomon, Steward.

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday night, Feb. 13 at 7:30 P.M. Since this is too late for the March Bagpipe, I am sending this article early, with the intention of sending the results later.

There is widespread disillusionment with government, big business, labor unions and other major institutions. Politically, this expresses itself in an uneasy mood that resembles conservatism but is more nearly passivity and a withdrawal from world and national concerns to those of family and community.

But unsettling cultural influences exist today that were unknown in the past. Among many serious intellectuals as well as among the commercially motivated tastemakers in the popular media, for example, there reigns what the British critic Christopher Booker has termed "neophilia" - a love of the new. There is a cult change.

Human perceptions and social needs do change, but that is only half the truth. The other half is that the enduring constants of human nature do not change. There is in every human spirit a tension between aggression and tenderness, between selfishness and self-sacrifice.

The many different changes that have come about in the last several years have naturally varied in their impact and seriousness. Some have touched the whole society, while others have struck some persons not at all.

No change occurs without a cost to someone, be it tangible or intangible. A people can bear only so many costs at one time. A society like an individual can only bear so much stress.

While our society has been undergoing these large and small transformations, its politics has been convulsed by assassinations, confrontations and startling scandals. What is needed in these circumstances is leadership that can provide people with a renewed sense of competence and of control over their own destiny.

Ideally, such a leadership would respond to both the conservative and the liberal impulses of society. It would respond to the liberal passion for justice and to the conservative respect for order and established institutions. It would recognize that if constructive changes are to succeed, people need time and leadership in reordering their lives to take account of them.

The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews pictures the type of leadership we need in this hour, when he stated simply and succinctly. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. A simple thought indeed, but staggering in its implications.

Whatever He was then, He is now. Whatever He was to those New Testament saints who called him Lord, He can be to us - and our descendants as long as time shall last.

That is a powerfully comforting thought in a world of "future shock". In the midst of change so rapid and encompassing that we cannot even be sure what tomorrow's questions will be, to say nothing of its answers, we have been given a promise as sure as magnetic north to the compass of our minds.

Perhaps that promise to us, in our turbulent times, would seem surer still if we could catch a glimpse of the era out of which the promise sprang. We sometimes forget that the events and promises of the Bible are grounded in history.

The Epistle to the Hebrews was written during a time of great political and religious upheaval. The Jewish state

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still existed, but its demise seemed near. Change and unrest hung electrically in the air, and all signs pointed to a swift, sudden, and disastrous national upheaval.

Persecuted with equal bitterness by the Pharisees who inexorably set the religious patterns and by the Romans who ruled politically with an iron fist, the Christians stood friendless and alone, with no other earthly power willing or able to protect them from either.

And just at that crisis time, when personal violence, confiscation of property, terror in the arena, and death by fire could be anticipated by anyone who faithfully identified himself as a follower of Jesus, the glorious Epistle to the Hebrews was written. The letter shouts triumphantly with a faith that defies all logic that in the midst of a terrifying civilization, the changeless Christ is still present for duty.

When all earthly leaders and their memories have faded, Jesus Christ is the leader who abides. He is God's Word to man. His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Our hope and our faith, in a changing world, are in Him. Our human needs, under changing forms, find their fulfillment in the name and power of the changeless Christ.

As persons look for eternal realities in this tempestuous world, that Jesus Christ is the changeless challenge to contemporary man is a source of comfort and hope.

Wilmer C. Chesson,
Secretary Pro-Tem

Dare County Scottish Rite Club

The Dare County Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting January 27, 1977, at the County Shrine Club.

The election of officers was held for the ensuing year and the following were elected:

President, Brother Melvin Basnight, 32°
Vice-President, Roy Midgett, 32°
Secretary-Treasurer, G. C. Bonner, 32°

An expression of appreciation was given to out-going President Brother Reuben Payne, K.C.C.H. for an outstanding job.

Discussion for a Ladies Night Supper was held and will be confirmed at our next meeting on February 24.

G. G. Bonner, Secretary

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The East Carteret Scottish Rite Club held their meeting Monday night February 7th at 8:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the President Bro. Tom Carraway, 32°. There were three Officers and twenty-two members present.

The coming reunion was discussed and dates set for Ladies night.

A stag supper was set for March 11th at Mike's Restaurant, Beaufort, N. C. for members and prospective candidates. Candidates for Spring Reunion were discussed. There are some in sight.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. for refreshments.

Fraternally,
Harry V. Willis, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Secretary-Treasurer

Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club

The Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club met on Feb. 4th at King's. A family style meal was enjoyed by all 25 members present. After supper, the election of officers for the year took place. Bro. Dan McDonald, President; George W. Howard, Jr., Vice-President; and Bro. Marvin Kornegay, Secretary-Treasurer. They were duly installed by Bro. Bill Leggett, 33°. Bro. McDonald presided. A check in the amount of $42.00 was sent to the Aphasia Fund. Plans for a spring Ladies Night were planned. A date of April 1st was

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set and a committee was appointed to make the final arrangements which will be held at the Lenoir County Shrine Club. A motion to raise the dues in our club was put on the floor, and passed. Our dues are now $5.00 yearly. There being nothing further to come before the club, the meeting was adjourned and Bro. Bill Leggett, 33°, dismissed us.

Marvin Kornegay, Secretary

Martin County Scottish Rite Club

President Robert Andrews called our regular meeting of the Martin County Scottish Rite Club to order Wednesday February 2, 1977, Brother Ben Hopkins gave the invocation. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Brother Andrews read a letter from Brother Pugh informing us that if it was the pleasure of the club and the expense did not prohibit it, the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies would hold a ladies night banquet in Williamston. Brother Andrews asked Brothers Fred Oglesby and Richard Parsons to work with him as a committee to make preparations for this banquet.

Brother Dalton Waters informed the club that three third degrees would be conferred at the Skeewarkee Lodge No. 90 Tuesday February 8, 1977. All Master Masons are invited.

Brother Parsons reminded the club of the necessity of donating blood to the red cross for the purpose of giving life to others.

Brother Andrews appointed Brother Glenn Henline, Scribe of the club for reasons unknown to anyone including Brother Henline.

Our next meeting will be held at the hut in Oak City, March 2, 1977. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully and fraternally,
Glenn Henline

Morehead City Scottish Rite Club

The Morehead City Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting on January 24, 1977 in Ocean Lodge No. 405. Bro. Robert Lawrence, President, called the meeting to order. Other officers present were Harry Rivers, Vice-President, and Thomas A. Wade, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, with 26 other members present.

A membership supper was discussed and put off to a later date. There being no other busines to come before the club, the meeting was adjourned.

Thomas A. Wade, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club

The Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club met at the Fisherman's Wharf on Monday, January 31, where the outgoing club President Leonard Dooley welcomed 49 members and guests. Rev. David Brewington gave the invocation, after which a delicious seafood dinner was served. Following the meal, President Dooley announced that the officers for the year 1977 would be installed. Brother Dooley expressed his appreciation for being permitted to serve as president for the past year and pledged his support for the club and its officers for the new year. He called on Brother Royden Caulk, Jr. to install the officers for 1977. Brother Caulk in-

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stalled the following officers (short form): James P. Brulet, President; J. Elmer King, Vice-President; and Morris E. Jones, Secretary-Treasurer. The newly installed officers pledged their best for the year ahead.

Brother Brulet announced that the next meeting would be held at the Scottish Rite Temple in New Bern on February 14 at 7:30 P.M., just prior to the Lodge of Perfection meeting. Brother Odell Gladson announced that the Spring Ladies Night Party would be held at the Moose Lodge on March 31. President Brulet explained some of the programs that Scottish Rite Masonry promoted. The Secretary read a letter of appreciation from the Masonic & Eastern Star Home for the contribution of $131.80 made to the home. After a period of fellowship, Rev. Alvin Butters pronounced the benediction.

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ASSETS

	December 31, 1976
Current Assets:	
Cash and Savings (Schedule 1)	$ 51,185.34
Receivables	1,020.89
Inventory	3,232.80
Total Current Assets	$ 55,439.03
Restricted Funds:	
Cash and Savings (Schedule 1)	$ 55,617.50
Life Membership Funds	1,020.00
Total Restricted Funds	$ 56,637.50
Capital Assets:	
Assets - Net of Accumulated Reserve	$386,444.80
Total Assets	$498,521.33

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED CREDITS, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	$ 4,325.88
Accrued Payroll Taxes	955.42
Unexpended Donations - Bicentennial Room	557.83
Total Current Liabilities	$ 5,839.13
Deferred Credits:	
Dues Paid in Advance	$ 53,827.00
Reserve:	
Building Fund Reserve	$ 55,617.50
Life Membership Funds	1,020.00
Total Reserve	$ 56,637.50
Fund Balance:	
Capital Asset Balance	$386,444.80
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Total	$382,217.70
Total Liabilities, Deferred Credits Reserves and Fund Balance	$498,521.33

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In Memoriam

Our memories are precious gifts.
To treasure through the years,
To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears.
Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.

	Date of Death
William Hyslop S. Burgwyn, 32°, Woodland, N. C.	January 24, 1977
Orville Tillett, 32°, Wanchese, N. C.	November 22, 1976
Alvis Uriah Laughinghouse, 32°, Kinston, N. C.	February 5, 1977

Swansboro Scottish Rite Club

The Swansboro Scottish Rite Club held its Feb. meeting on the 4th. The meeting was opened by Bro. Nick Grdinick, the club President, as he introduced Bro. James McLaughlin, our Chaplain, who spoke briefly and asked Rev. Elmer A. Keiser to give the invocation.

This was followed by another outstanding culinary triumph by our very own ladies. After which the guest of honor, Bro. Dewitt Marshburn, Past Master, Richlands Lodge gave a fine talk entitled "Great Internal Light". That was a tough act to follow but the Richlands "Victory Quartet" of which Brother Marshburn is a member, arose to the occasion. They delighted us with some of the most beautiful gospel music we've ever heard.

There to enjoy all this were approximately seventy members and their guests, we were also very happy and honored by a large number of fine ladies who are Masonic widows, we are always happy to see these grand ladies.

The meeting came to a close as Bro. McLaughlin gave us a fitting and beautiful prayer after which the club President closed the meeting with an invitation to everyone for their return to our next meeting on the first Friday in the month of March.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Conrado G. Garcia, 32°
Secretary

Letters of Appreciation

The family of George A. Rock
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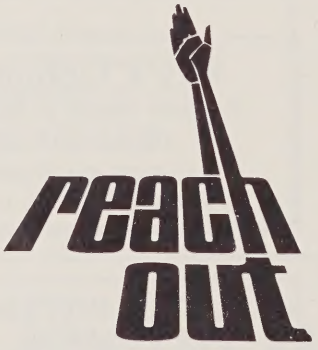

REUNION SCHEDULE

4°-14° — Tuesday, April 12
15°-29° — Wednesday, April 13
30°-32° — Thursday, April 14

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